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SUBJ: DENMARK TO REPLACE SWEDEN ON UN COMMITTEE OF 24

1. DANISH DEPUTY PERMREP ANDERSEN CONFIRMED TO MISOFF SEPT. 20 THAT DENMARK WILL REPLACE SWEDEN ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COLONIALISM (COMMITTEE OF 24) BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1974. ANDERSEN NOTED THAT DANES WERE AMONG ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AND KEPT SEAT UNTIL NORDICS DECIDED ABOUT 1966 TO ROTATE SEAT AMONG THEMSELVES EVERY THREE YEARS. ANDERSEN SAID SWEDES WILL NOTIFY UNGA PRESIDENT OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM COMMITTEE OF 24 SOMETIME DURING CURRENT UNGA SESSION.

2. COMMENT: DENMARK SHOULD OFFER US MUCH GREATER SUPPORT THAN SWEDEN DID ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE IN COMITE OF 24. WHILE SWEDEN'S STATEMENTS IN COMMITTEE ON PR UNOBJECTIONABLE, SWEDISH DELEGATE (LOFGREN) MADE NO EFFORT THIS YEAR TO ASSIST AUSTRALIANS, ETHIOPIANS AND IRANIANS IN VITAL BEHIND THE SEENES EFFORTS TO LIMIT EXTENT OF COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT IN PUERTO RICO'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. LOFGREN HIMSELF SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN MESMERIZED BY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT MYSTIQUE AS RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION TO GUINEA-BISSAU LAST YEAR. IN CONTRAST, DANISH MISSION HERE HAS REPEATEDLY CHARACTERIZED COMMITTEE OF 24'S ACTION ON PUERTO RICO AS UNREALISTIC

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AND ANDERSEN, WHO EXPECTS TO BE DANISH REP ON COMMITTEE NEXT YEAR,

IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH NUANCES OF ISSUE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE RECOMMEND THAT AT APPROPRIATE OCCASION
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